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Dear Sir:

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I, Wesley E. Schlenker, Secretary of HighwayMaster Communications, Inc., of 16479 Dallas Parkway, Suite 710, Dallas, Texas 75248, represent that HighwayMaster Communications, Inc. is the assignee and the exclusive owner of the entire right, title and interest of, in and to application Serial No. 09/976,294 filed on November 21, 1997, for Method and Apparatus for Determining Tax of a Vehicle, as indicated by the Assignment Records of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 7588, Frames 0936-0943; that I have reviewed the evidentiary documents and certify that to the best of assignee's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee seeking to take action; and that I am empowered to act on behalf of assignee.

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and Trademark Office at Reel 7588, Frames 0936-0943, and hereby agree that any patent so granted on the above-identified application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to said patent shall be the same as the legal title to United States Patent 5,694,322, this agreement to run with any patent granted on the above-identified application and to be binding upon the grantee, its successor or assigns.

Petitioner does not disclaim any terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified application prior to the expiration of the full statutory term of the above-referenced U.S. Patent No. 5,694,322, in the event that one or more of the following occurs: U.S. Patent No. 5,694,322 expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(a), has all claims canceled by a reexamination certificate or is otherwise terminated prior to expiration of its statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, except for the separation of legal title stated above.

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Respectfully submitted,

HighwayMaster Communications, Inc.

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Wesley E. Schlenker, Secretary